Construction of toilets under Yamuna Action Plan

4712. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Municipal Corporation was to build 1146 toilets under the Yamuna Action Plan, along the Yamuna river, by 31st March, 2002, but the same have not been built;

(b) whether a Japanese Bank was to provide financial help for this work but on account of non-completion of toilets etc. the bank did not give the promised help;

(c) by when the work on the Action Plan is likely to be completed, the amount given by Government for "Yamuna Action Plan" during the last five year; and

(d) the details of the work Progress in hand and future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Delhi Municipal Corporation was to build 1146 no. of toilets in the resettlement colonies, regularised slum areas and at public place to cater to the floating population under Yamuna Action Plan-Extended Phase by 31st March, 2002. Against 1146 no. of proposed toilets, Delhi Municipal Corporation has taken up the construction of only 954 nos. of toilets because of non-availability of land and local disputes at the remaining sites.

Originally Japan Bank of International Corporation (JBIC) has provided financial help for construction of these toilets upto 31st March, 2002 but it has now been extended upto 19th February, 2003.

The Work on Yamuna Action Plan at Delhi is likely to be completed in February, 2003. An amount of Rs. 151.84 crore has been released by the Govt. for implementation of the Yamuna Action Plan at Delhi.

The works in hand under Yamuna Action Plan at Delhi are the remaining works of Community Toilet Complexes, Mini Sewage Treatment Plans, (4 nos.), Micro Sewage Treatment Plants (10 nos.) and public participation & public awareness programme. Future plan will depend upon the availability of funds and financial assistance from JBIC.

SC deadline on river pollution

†4713. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cautious and are making efforts to check pollution, following the order issued by the Supreme Court, wherein a time-limit has been fixed to check industrial pollution in rivers by 2005;

(b) if so, the details of achievements made, so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHR T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Government is making efforts for the control of industrial pollution along the rivers in the country. The major step taken for this purpose include: (i) identification of and action against 851 defaulting industries located along the rivers and lakes and (ii) surprise inspections of polluting industries to ensure regular operation of the Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs). A total of 2169 surprise inspections have been made by the Environment Surveillance Squads of the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board/Committees. As a result, out of 851 defaulter industries, 608 have provided ETPs, 238 are closed and action has been taken against the five defaulting units.

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